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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

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FOR GARRISON FROM SHINN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. ON THE AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE,
NAT DAVIS ASKS FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S APPROVAL OF THE
FOLLOWING SCHEDULE: SEPT 26: DINNER WITH NAT DAVIS;
SEPT 27: EARLY MORNING, FISHING; 11 A.M., SPEECH;
AFTERNOON, GOLF; EVENING, DINNER HOSTED BY ADMIRAL
STOCKDALE. SEPT 28: EARLY DEPARTURE FOR NEW LONDON AND
NEW HAVEN. NAT PLANS TO PUT TOGETHER A FOURSOME FOR
GOLF, AND ASKS WHAT "LEVEL OF SKILL" HE SHOULD SEEK IN
INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM AMBASSADOR WILL PLAY.

2. PLEASE ASK MFA TO EXPEDITE ISSUANCE OF VISITORS VISA
TO MRS. AUDREY BALLARD, STEP-MOTHER OF GENE BALLARD,
FBO PROJECT SUPERVISOR. SHE APPLIED THROUGH U.S. TOURIST
AGENCY ON JULY 17 AND WILL DEPART US AUGUST 28 FOR
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EUROPEAN VACATION. SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE VISA PRIOR
TO DEPARTURE FROM HERE FOR ENTRY USSR MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER.
SOV NOT INVOLVED IN CASE UNTIL AUG 21. SOVIET EMBASSY
STATES IT WILL QUERY MFA. MRS. BALLARD CONSIDERING
CANCELING VISIT TO MOSCOW IF VISA NOT RECEIVED PRIOR TO
DEPARTURE US. WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR IDEAS ON HOW
TO REFINE FURTHER THE PROCESSING OF VISA APPLICATIONS OF

EMBASSY GUESTS IN ORDER TO PREVENT LAST MINUTE CRISES OF THIS NATURE.

3. WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE EMBASSY CABLING US MONTHLY BREAKDOWN FOR 1978 OF SOVIET JEWS WHO HAVE RECEIVED EXIT PERMISSION FOR US AND HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BY EMBASSY.

4. USCIT, MARLIN JOHNSON OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, CALLED BILATERAL (FERRAND) AUGUST 23 TO SAY THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED CRYPTIC TELEGRAM FROM HIS SOVIET WIFE, GALINA (ANDREEVNA) JOHNSON, INDICATING (TO HIM) THAT SHE WAS EXPERIENCING SOME LAST-MINUTE DIFFICULTIES BEFORE DEPARTING USSR TO JOIN HIM IN U.S. JOHNSON SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW ALL OF GALINA'S FORMALITIES, INCLUDING RECEIPT OF HER SOVIET EXIT VISA, HAD BEEN COMPLETED WITH SOVIET AUTHORITIES. JOHNSON, WHO CLAIMS HE HAS BEEN MISINFORMED BY USG AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS RE HIS WIFE'S CASE SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST, WANTS TO KNOW EXACT STATUS OF HER CASE. PLEASE ADVISE AND WE WILL PUT HIM STRAIGHT. CHRISTOPHER

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